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**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the seating surface (2) has a circumferential contour (30, 31, 32) that is both concave and convex.
3. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest that can be selectively positioned along the circumference of the seating surface.
4. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that there are two support rests comprising two separately positional back rests (3, 4).
5. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest (3, 4) that is formed from separate rigid parts (20) which are connected together in an articulated fashion by hinges (15) in the adjustment direction and each forms an element (10) covered with upholstery, whereby the at least one back rest (3, 4) is formed by at least five elements (10).
6. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that partially covers the seating surface (2).
7. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the seating surface includes a circumferential surface (5) and the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that covers the circumferential surface (5) of the seating surface.
8. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means (12, 16, 18) are arranged generally below the seating surface.
9. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means also support the support rest (3, 4) and support it against the forces that occur when a user sitting on the seating surface (2) leans against it.
10. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 21, characterized in that the control means include a rail (12) which determines the a desired shape of bending of the back support rest (3, 4).

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11. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 10, characterized in that the support rest includes a back rest having a side face with a circumferential contour and the rail (12) has generally the same contour as the circumferential contour of the side face and is a self-contained rail.

12. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 10, characterized in that the seating surface includes understructure and the rail 12 is part of the understructure of the seating surface and forms the base of the furniture with struts (13).

13. (Previously Presented ) Furniture according to Claim 12, characterized in that the control means comprise multiple carriages (16) which can be moved by sliding or rolling on a rail (12) for each support rest.

14. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 13, characterized in that the carriages include on both sides of the rail and above the rail, plastic sliding parts (18) in contact with the rail and another sliding plastic part (19) which reaches beneath the rail.

15. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest that can be positioned selectively along the circumference of the seating surface.

16. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that there are two support rests (3, 4) comprising two separately positional back rests.

17. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest (3, 4) that is formed from separate rigid parts (20) which are connected together in an articulated fashion by hinges (15) in the adjustment direction and each forms an element (10) with upholstery, whereby the at least one back rest (3, 4) is formed by at least five elements (10).

18. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that partially covers the seating surface (2).

19. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the seating surface includes a circumferential surface (5) and the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) that covers the circumferential surface (5) of the seating surface.

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20. Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the control means (12, 16, 18) are arranged generally below the seating surface.

21. (Previously Presented) Furniture (1) having a seating surface (2) and at least one support rest (3, 4) connected to the former and adjustable with respect to the seating surface such that it can be positioned in various circumferential areas of the seating surface, characterized in that at least one support rest (3, 4) is formed from a plurality of elements (10) that are connected in an articulated fashion and that are flexible in the direction of movement along an adjustment path and control means (12, 16, 18) for causing the elements to bend along the adjustment path such that the support rest adapts itself generally to the circumferential contour of the seating surface (2) along at least a part of the adjustment path.

22. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 5, characterized in that the at least one back rest (3, 4) is formed by seven elements (10).